

# From the Superintendent

I would like to take this time to discuss three items the first the being the anticipated last day of school and calendar changes, second being information concerning the locking of the main doors, and finally the hiring of a new superintendent.

Wakefield will be hosting district speech competition on March 14<sup>th</sup>. As this will be an all day event, we will be trading two days on the calendar to accommodate the number of people using our building. There WILL be school on March 11<sup>th</sup> and no school on March 14<sup>th</sup>.

Another calendar change is due to the weather, and will change the ending date of the third quarter as well as the last day of school for students. The last day of the third quarter will be moved one week to March 18<sup>th</sup>. The last day of school is tentatively set for May 25<sup>th</sup> for students unless we have an additional snow day in the month of March. On April 1<sup>st</sup>, we will announce the official last day of school.

At the suggestion of the Safety Team, Crisis Team, and through discussion at the Town Hall Meeting, the Wakefield Board of Education is in the process of receiving bids for the purpose of locking the outside doors during the school day. Entering the building during the school day would happen through two-way video and audio communication with the offices. In addition, the activity center may be keyed to a magnetic lock system that will allow the school to assign "community keys" to district patrons to better secure the building during the regular school day and make the activity center more accessible. The members of the Safety and Crisis Teams are staff members from the elementary and secondary buildings.

As you may know, we did restrict access to the building last week as a precaution requiring staff members to keep an eye on the main doors. If approved, the building secretaries will be able to open the doors from their desk eliminating the need for staff members to watch the doors.

Finally, as it was already announced in the Wakefield Republican last week, the Board of Education has hired Mark Bejot to be the superintendent. He is currently the superintendent at USD 208 in WaKeeney, Kansas. Mr. Bejot will begin his duties July 1, 2011. Please make him feel welcome in the community.

Please contact me if you have any questions. My email address is [cwaddle@esu1.org](mailto:cwaddle@esu1.org) or give me a call at school during regular business hours.